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January 16, 1953

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on Friday afternoon, January 16, 1953 at 5:00 p.m. Members present were: Chairman Morton Hodgson, Thomas Milner, Jr., Mrs. Robert Stephens, Jr., Mrs. Frank Dudley, Richard Bloodworth, Jr., Mrs. J.W. Bailey and Miss Sarah Maret. Madison County Library Board was represented by Mrs. H.G. Bannister and Mr. J.K. Brookshire.

Chairman Hodgson called the meeting to order and welcomed the visitors from Madison County. He stated that the purpose of this meeting was for the two boards to consider the proposed plan which was drawn up for Madison County to join with the Athens Regional Library for library service. The plan, as drawn up by Miss Lucile Nix of the State Department of Education and Miss Sarah Maret, director of the Athens Regional Library, had been presented to the Madison County Library Board in December. The members of this board had requested a meeting with the Athens Regional Library Board for further consideration of the merger.

The proposed budget was discussed at length. Mrs. Bannister, chairman of the Madison County Library Board, said that they would like to request that the entire sum of their appropriation of \$2400.00, not have to be turned over to the Athens Regional Library. She said they would need local money for lights, fuel and maintenance of their present quarters as well as a fund to be used when it is time to purchase a new bookmobile for the region. After discussion, it was decided that the sum of \$900.00 per year, over and above the local librarian's salary, would be paid into the treasury of the regional library. The Madison County Library Board would set the salary to be paid to the librarian at Danielsville, but it was decided that this amount would be turned over to the regional library and paid from the regional treasury. It was moved by Mr. Bloodworth and seconded by Mrs. Dudley that the plan as amended by the above proposals be accepted by the Athens Regional Library Board. Motion was carried.

Miss Maret reported that the bookmobile schedule would be set for six-weeks intervals, instead of the present four-weeks, in order to take care of the schools and rural areas of Madison County. She said that Madison County could begin to receive service from the bookmobile in February. It was agreed that the merger of Madison County Library service with that of Athens Regional Library service would begin as of February 1, 1953.

The director reported that Mrs. Lucia Green, who is now a staff member of the Columbus Public Library staff, had visited Athens and was interested in work with the regional library. The director recommended her to the board. It was moved by Mr. Milner and seconded by Mr. Bloodworth that Mrs. Green be elected to the staff of the Regional Library, and that she be so notified by the chairman. Motion carried. Miss Maret said she understood that she would be available on March 1st.

As the bookmobile librarian had resigned, the director reported that she had secured the services of Mrs. Charles Huff to fill this vacancy. It was moved by Mr. Milner and seconded by Mrs. Dudley that this action of the director be approved. Motion was carried.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah C Maret

January 16, 1953

Immediately following the Regional Library Board meeting on Friday afternoon, January 16, 1953, the Athens-Clarke County Library Board met for a short session with members, Hodgson, Stephens, Dudley, Bloodworth, Bailey and Maret present.

The director reported that Mr. A.B. Griffith, a painter, had quoted bids for the painting of the inside of the library. These bids were read to the board. It was moved by Mr. Milner and seconded by Mrs. Dudley that the chairman appoint a committee to study these bids and have power to act to see that the painting is done. The chairman appointed a committee composed of Mr. Milner, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Mendenhall and Miss Maret to see about having the painting done.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah C. Mearns

March 30, 1953

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Monday afternoon, March 30, 1953 at 5:00 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Morton Hodgson, Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr., Mr. Thomas Milner, Jr., Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Jr., Mr. W.W. Wier and Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall. Also present was Miss Maret. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Miss Maret reported that the painting of the inside of the library building which had been voted on at the last board meeting had now been completed. The portions of the house painted were the hall and rooms on the first floor and the hall of the second floor.

It was reported to the board that a new children's librarian had been secured for the library. The employment of Miss Bettye Lipham was unanimously approved by the board. The director recommended the employment of Miss June Brice, who is now working in the Elberton Schools, as a new staff member. It was moved by Mr. Wier and seconded by Mr. Bloodworth that authority be given to the director to secure the services of Miss Brice for the region. Motion was seconded and carried. It was pointed out that Miss Brice would probably be available in July.

The board discussed salary raises for the staff. It was decided to delay action on this matter until a later date. A motion was made by Mr. Milner that in view of the increased territory and responsibility incurred by the addition of a fourth county to the region that the bookmobile driver's salary be raised to \$200.00 per month beginning April 1st. Motion seconded by Mr. Wier. Motion carried. The director was asked to find out what salaries were paid to employees of the city and of the University Library and also to find out what vacation and sick leave these employees were allowed.

A nominating committee composed of Mrs. Wilkins and Mr. Wier was appointed by the chairman.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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June 29, 1953

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Monday afternoon, June 29, 1953 at 5:00 o'clock. Members present were: Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Nix, Mrs. Stephens, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bloodworth, Mrs. Wilkins and Miss Maret.

Chairman Hodgson called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The board discussed at length salary increases for the library staff. It was moved by Mr. Nix and seconded by Mr. Bloodworth that a committee composed of Mr. Hodgson, Chairman, Mr. Milner, Treasurer, and Mrs. Wilkins be appointed to study the salary situation and make recommendations to the board. Motion was carried. Mr. Nix suggested that this committee contact officials of the city and get their thinking on the matter.

Miss Maret reported that she expected Mrs. Rosalyne T. Shamblin, graduate student from the University of Texas to spend the week of July 6-11 in the Regional Library. Mrs. Shamblin plans to visit Georgia for a month and make a study of the public library program. It was suggested that the Board entertain Mrs. Shamblin at a Dutch Luncheon during her visit to Athens.

Mrs. Wilkins, Chairman of the nominating committee gave the committee's report. Officers nominated for the coming year were:

Chairman - Morton Hodgson
V. Chairman - Richard Bloodworth, Jr.
Treasurer - Thomas H. Milner, Jr.

These were unanimously elected by the board.

Mrs. Wilkins reported that she had talked with Mayor Wells and Mr. Beacham concerning improvements in the garden. She reported that the Mayor said that the library has its own budget and that any and all expenditures for the garden would have to come from the appropriation which the library receives. Mrs. Wilkins reported that she wished to get a sprinkler system installed soon in the garden. It was moved by Mr. Bloodworth and seconded by Mr. Wilson that authority be given Mrs. Wilkins to go ahead and get the necessary connections with the water main and have the sprinkler system installed. Motion was carried.

Miss Dettie Lipham, Children's Librarian gave a report on the progress of the Summer Reading Club Program.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah C. Maret

A Resolution declaring the policy and purpose of the Athens Regional Library Board of Athens, Georgia to extend to its employees not excluded by law or by this Resolution the benefits of the systems of Federal Old Age and Survivor's Insurance, as authorized by the Federal Social Security Act, and amendments thereto, and as provided for in Act. No. 295, Georgia Laws 1951, Approved February 21, 1951, upon the basis of Applicable State and Federal laws or regulations; authorizing and directing the Chairman of the Athens Regional Library Board to execute agreements and amendments thereto with the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, for coverage of said employees, providing for withholdings from salaries and wages of employees so covered to be made and paid over as provided by applicable State and Federal Laws or regulations; providing that said Athens Regional Library Board shall appropriate and pay over for employer's contributions, administrative expenses, and a guaranty fund as provided by applicable State or Federal Laws or regulations; providing that said Athens Regional Library Board shall keep records and make reports as required by applicable State or Federal laws or regulations; excluding from this ordinance any authority to make any agreement with respect to any position, employee, or official now covered or authorized to be covered by any other ordinance or law creating any retirement system for any employee of the Athens Regional Library; excluding from this ordinance any position, employee or official not authorized to be covered under applicable State or Federal laws or regulations.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of the Athens Regional Library, Athens, Georgia, to extend at the earliest date possible under the agreement entered into by the State of Georgia and the Federal Security Administrator, to the employees of the Athens Regional Library, not excluded by law or by this ordinance, the benefits of the System of Old Age and Survivor's Insurance as authorized by the Federal Social Security Act and amendments thereto, including Public Law 734 of the 81st Congress, and as provided for in Act No. 295, Georgia Laws 1951, approved February 21, 1951. In pursuance of said policy, and for that purpose, the Athens Regional Library Board shall take such action as may be required by applicable State or Federal laws or regulations.

Section 2. The Chairman of the Athens Regional Library Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary agreements and amendments thereto with the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, hereafter to be known as the State Agency, to secure coverage of employees as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. Withholdings from salaries or wages of employees for the purpose provided in Section 1 hereof are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable State or Federal laws or regulations, and shall be paid over to the State Agency.


Section 4. There shall be appropriated from the yearly appropriations of the Athens Regional Library such amounts at such times as may be required by applicable State or Federal laws or regulations for employer's contributions, administrative expenses, and a guaranty fund to assure that the State will not incur any debt or loss as a result of the agreement referred to in Section 2 of this ordinance. Such funds shall be paid over to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia in accordance with regulations established by said Agency.

Section 5. Athens Regional Library Board shall keep such records and make such reports as may be required by applicable State or Federal laws or regulations.

Section 6. There is hereby excluded from this Resolution any authority to make any agreement with respect to any position or any employee now covered, or authorized to be covered, by any other law creating any retirement system for any employee of the Athens Regional Library or its instrumentalities.

Section 7. There is hereby excluded from this Resolution any authority to make any agreement with respect to any position, or any employee not authorized to be covered by applicable State or Federal laws or regulations.

Passed and approved the 24th day of September 1953.



Chairman, Athens Regional Library Board.

Attest:

Sarah C. Martin

September 24, 1953

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday afternoon, September 24, 1953 at 5:00 o'clock.

Members present were: Mr. Morton Hodgson, Mrs. J.W. Bailey, Mr. Thomas H. Milner, Jr., Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Jr., Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Mrs. Frank Dudley and Miss Sarah E. Maret.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hodgson. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Mrs. Rosalyn T. Shamblin was read. A letter from Mr. C.S. Hubbard, containing the state allotment for the region for 1953-54 was read.

The director called attention to the meeting of the Georgia Library Association which meets at St. Simons on October 22-24 and asked that some of the board members try to attend. It was moved by Mr. Milner and seconded by Mr. Bloodworth that the director and the library consultant attend this meeting. Motion was carried.

The Chairman reported that he had visited the mayor and had asked that the city make the necessary water connections for water for the sprinkler system and for the fountain in the garden. The Mayor said he would have the city workers do this if the board will let him know when they are ready for the work to be done.

Mr. Wier asked about a sprinkler system for the library. He pointed out the increased value of our holdings in books and related materials. The Chairman appointed Mr. Wier to look into the cost and possibility of installing the sprinkler system.

The director read a letter from the American Library Association. The regional library has been approved for a grant of \$2600.00 for the year 1953-54, from the American Heritage Project. Since Mrs. Parks, who helped with the project last year will not be able to direct it again this year, the director recommended that Mrs. William Tate be chosen to direct it. It was moved by Mr. Milner and seconded by Mr. Bloodworth that Mrs. Tate be employed by the library at a salary of \$200.00 per month. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Milner and seconded by Mrs. Dudley that the attached resolution concerning Social Security for employees of the library be passed. Motion carried.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Maret

December 21, 1953

The Athens Regional Library Board met Monday afternoon, December 21, 1953 at 5:00 o'clock at the Regional Library.

The following were present: Chairman Morton Hodgson, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Richard Bloodworth, Jr., Mrs. Frank Dudley, Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr. and Miss Sarah Maret from Athens and Mrs. Calvin Langford from Madison County.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hodgson. Minutes were read and approved. The director asked that the board sponsor a joint meeting of all of the local library boards in the region and that this meeting be held as a dinner meeting sometime early in the new year. It was moved by Mrs. Mendenhall and seconded by Mrs. Dudley that this be undertaken. Motion carried.

The director asked that the board consider the possibility of a branch library in the new community building at Dudley Park. It was moved by Mrs. Wilkins and seconded by Mr. Bloodworth that the board contact Mayor Wells and discuss the matter with him. Motion carried. The plan as presented to the Mayor would ask for quarters only for the library. The regional library would furnish staff, books and supplies. The Chairman appointed as a committee of two, Mrs. Wilkins and Mr. Bloodworth to contact the Mayor.

A policy concerning negro school children visiting the regional library was requested by the director. It was decided that the board would think on this matter and would make a decision at a later date.

The Chairman reported that English Boxwoods had recently been planted in the garden and urged members to take a look at them.

It was moved by Mrs. Wilkins that a handrail be placed on the wall above the steps leading to the second floor and that the area below the rail be painted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dudley. Motion carried.

As there was no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Maret

December 21, 1953

Immediately following the Regional Library Board meeting, the Athens-Clarke County Library Board met.

Social Security for library employees was discussed. Letters were read from the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia. It was the opinion of the Board that the employees' share of the past Social Security withholding tax should be paid by the library. Beginning as of January 1, 1954 the employees' share of Social Security should be borne by the employee covered.

The budget was presented by the director. After discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Mendenhall and seconded by Mrs. Wilkins that the budget be adopted. Motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Bloodworth and seconded by Mrs. Wilkins that the library be closed for the Christmas Holidays, December 24, 25, and 26. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel C. Thayer